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Re: **Louisiana Board of Ethics**  
**Docket No. 2021-712**

Dear Mr. Ledet,

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its meeting on October 8, 2021, considered your request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit you from using records obtained from the Lafourche Parish Communications District ("District") during criminal hearings.

#### **FACTS PROVIDED**

You were appointed by the Lafourche Parish Council as a member of the Lafourche Parish Communications District Board of Commissioners ("District Board"). The District maintains and operates the emergency 911 communications system.

You maintain a private legal practice. As part of your practice, you handle criminal defense matters. On occasion, emergency 911 recordings are obtained through discovery from the local District Attorney's office. You stated that you have never made a request for a recording to the District. You also have never paid for a copy of a recording on behalf of a client. You stated that whenever a 911 recording has been introduced, it has never been controverted in court.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that your receipt of 911 recordings from the local District Attorney's office in connection with criminal matters presents no issues under the Code.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. Please note that the Board issues no opinion as to past conduct and that the Board's expressed opinion is limited to an examination of the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the Lobbyist Disclosure Acts, and the conflict of interest provisions in the gaming laws.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800)842-6630 or (225)219-5600.

Sincerely,  
**LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS**

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David M. Bordelon  
For the Board

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